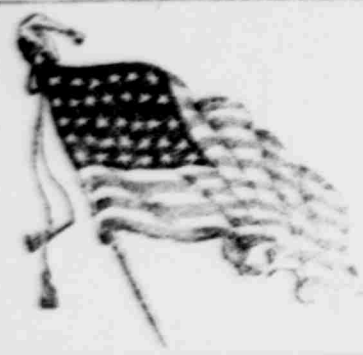


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MR. HARRIS ON WOMAN AND DIVORCE.

We do not know by whose authority but some of the editors of this state with much show of gallantry have volunteered to speak for the women of Florida and proclaim through their respective newspapers that this fair portion of our population have no patience with divorce laws and very little respect for their apologists.

One newspaper says that notwithstanding this fact the Florida senate has voted to stand by its shameful action to the insult of womanhood.

To show the style of criticism adopted by said newspapers we append a few extracts from some of their recent publications:

"Frank Harris, of the Ocala Banner, produces a labored attempt in defense of the flagrant insanity divorce law. In the opinion of the writer the enactment of such a law is the most infamous and iniquitous that ever disgraced our statutes and the wonder is how a man like Frank Harris can actually defend it."—Citrus County Chronicle.

"If the editor of the Ocala Banner has kept his ear to the ground the past two weeks he knows a heap more about what the women of Ocala think of his flagrant 'boothicking' than he ever did before."—Ocala Star.

"Harris thinks that one man with Flagler on his side is a majority."—Bronson Times-Democrat.

"Hully gee, but things have come to a pretty pass! Frank Harris, of the Ocala Banner, is being quietly charged with an acrobatic performance since his recent visit to the magical city of Miami. In other words, it is intimated that he has turned a complete somersault, hopped all the way over, burned the bridges behind him and landed fair and square on the other side with the corporations. It is further intimated that the 'fippy de flop' was so complete that Editor Harris even wants Mr. Flagler to have special legislation passed where he may obtain a divorce from his insane wife. Now if this isn't enough to cause a Jacksonville fire or stampede a Florida legislature, we'll give it up. But then we always knew it Editor Harris ever went over he'd do a clean job of it and go all the way and play for the biggest stake in sight. However, we don't believe he got any of the \$50,000 that is said to have been blown in by Mr. Flagler in lobbying the insanity divorce bill through the legislature. In our opinion Editor Harris has simply back-slidden and needs the prayers of the brethren of the press."—Palmetto News.

On the subjects of "Woman" and "Divorce" Mr. Harris stands to-day where he has always stood.

He favors sensible divorce laws and believes that they are a protection to women.

Whatever the women of Florida may think of Mr. Frank Harris the following extracts from a public address delivered by him in this city ten years ago to an audience composed largely of ladies, will show what he thinks of women in the abstract and in general and divorce laws as applicable to them.

We hope we shall not be accused of vanity when we say the address received no adverse criticism.

The following are the extracts:

Don't Marry.

Almost everybody remembers the celebrated advice of the London Punch, "Don't marry." There is in that advice the expression of the feeling of many a mother who says, "I hope my daughter will never marry and suffer as I have."

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Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure sick headache.

"Formerly, especially in the South, but few vocations were open to women, and it was regarded unwomanly for a woman to venture beyond the precincts of the home. This is no longer.

"We see women now entering the legal and medical professions; their voices are heard from the platform; we see them at the desk and behind the counter; we see them handling typewriting machines and the telegraph keys; we see them at the printer's case and editorial table; in some states they are school commissioners, and hold other semi-political offices, and in all these vocations and professions they are achieving success and putting the young men to the blush.

"I have the highest admiration for woman. I bow humbly at her shrine. I would do nothing that would take from her the modesty that marks her the superior of man.

"I pay humble tribute to the wife and mother. To my mind no holier picture exists on earth nor in heaven. The home is the holy of holies. It is the place where the heart is cultivated, where the affections are planted and blossom in full beauty, and where the tendrils of love are taught to twine themselves around everything noble and generous in humanity.

"I would not destroy the benignant influence of the home, nor the distinguishing attributes of the presiding genius there. Nor do I believe that enlarging woman's sphere of usefulness will do this.

"I believe in the dignity of labor. I honor the woman who is not afraid to do honest toil, and has the ambition to be the architect of her own fortune.

"If rails are to be split, I think men should split them; if houses are to be built men should build them, but I do not believe in great big, strong-armed, able-bodied young men monopolizing all the soft and easy places in the business world. They should gracefully yield these places to their more frail and delicate sisters. But whether they yield gracefully or not, yield they must, for the women are fast pushing them aside. There is generally obtaining among business men a consensus of opinion that young women are more reliable and industrious than young men. They don't drink beer; they don't smoke cigarettes; they don't chew tobacco; they don't waste their leisure hours in riotous living, and don't paint the town red at midnight hours.

"I believe we should teach our daughters that 'catching a husband' should not be their chief and only aim in life.

"I have nothing specially against husbands. Some of them are well enough, and some are quite handy to have in the house, and no doubt some wives are proud of their husbands and have a right to be proud of them, but I humbly submit that some husbands are poor apologies for the heads of families, and the patience and forbearance with which wives put up with them convinces me that women are immeasurably superior to men and that they possess the nobler attributes and virtues. It is a wonder to me that the divorce courts are not kept busier than they are. That they are not, is because of woman's meekness, forbearance and pride, and not because she has not complaints enough and ample justification."

Touching the subject of divorce Mr. Harris is in line with the enlightened sentiment running through the warp and woof of all civilized nations, and this sentiment has helped to lift woman from being a mere kitchen drudge and bedroom slave, whose chief end of existence was to pander to the carnal appetites and baser passions of men, to the proud, intellectual and exalted being she is today.

Under the old dispensation the husband needed no legal enactment in the matter of divorce.

The mere fact of his being the husband and not the wife gave him that authority and he used it to suit his pleasure, base or otherwise.

Civilized nations, in fixing the right of divorce in their statute laws, lifted the wife to the same level with the husband and it was done for her protection.

The divorce law recently enacted in this state instead of being a "stencil in the nostrils of all civilized nations," is in line with them.

Every nation on earth that makes any pretense to civilization, and every state in this union, without exception, provides statutory grounds for divorce besides those named in the New Testament scriptures.

For instance, Pennsylvania, the good old Quaker state, one of the original members of the colonies where the liberty bell first rang out its glad tidings, a state so enlightened and religious as to be called the commonwealth of "brotherly love," recognizes the right of divorce for the following grounds:

SORES AND ULCERS.

Sores and Ulcers never become chronic unless the blood is in poor condition—it is sluggish, weak and unable to throw off the poisons that accumulate in it. The system must be relieved of the unhealthy matter through the skin, and great danger to life would follow should it heal before the blood has been made pure and healthy and all impurities eliminated from the system. S. S. S. begins the cure by first cleansing and invigorating the blood, building up the general health and removing from the system **A CONSTANT DRAIN UPON THE SYSTEM.**

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nizes the right of divorce for the following grounds:

"Impotence, adultery, desertion for two years, cruel treatment or indignities that render the condition intolerable and life burdensome, fraud, force or coercion in procuring the marriage, sentence for two years for felony, or becoming a lunatic or non compos mentis."—Appleton's Cyclopaedia.

Kentucky, the state of Clay, Breckenridge, Prentiss, Carlisle and Watertown, alleges the following grounds for divorce:

"Impotence, living without cohabitation for five years, abandonment and living in adultery for six months, desertion for a year, conviction of felony, force, duress, or fraud in obtaining marriage, contracting a loathsome disease, uniting with any religious society which requires renunciation of the marriage contract, or forbids cohabitation, confirmed drunkenness of the husband with impropriety continued for one year, habitual misbehavior of the husband continued in a cruel and inhuman manner not less than six months, cruel beating or injury of the wife or attempts at the same, pregnancy at the time of marriage without the husband's knowledge, adultery of the wife or such lewd and lascivious behavior on her part as to prove her to be unchaste, confirmed mental unsoundness for not less than three years a continuance resulting from intemperance or hereditary taint and concealed at the time of marriage."—Appleton's Cyclopaedia.

South Carolina, supposed not to grant a divorce for any cause, grants it to the wife for the want of maintenance on the part of the husband. See Appleton's Cyclopaedia.

These humane laws are enacted principally and primarily for the protection of the wife and to make the marriage tie more elevating and sacred, and to broaden, sweeten and sanctify the influences of the home.

Under the Jewish dispensation husbands bought their wives with a price, and bought as many as they were able to pay for, and claimed and exercised the right to divorce them at pleasure for any cause whatsoever without the color or authority of law.

The inquiry, "What shall be an adequate cause for divorce?" was left by Moses, the greatest law-giver of the Jews, to be determined by the husband himself, regardless of the wife's prayers and protests.

The wife was not considered as forming any part of the marriage compact and had no rights whatsoever that the husband was bound to respect.

If the Florida legislature were to enact tomorrow such a law as that described in the 5th chapter of Numbers, compelling the "suspected wife" to drink the "waters of jealousy," stripping her of her clothing and enrobing her in black before the judges and in presence of her own and the opposite sex; if she still persist in her innocence, have her veil torn from her face and her body bared to the waist, and thus humiliated, have the bitter draught administered to her, it would indeed be an insult to womanhood, and the people and the press of Florida would have a right to hang their heads in very shame.

The Bible says truly that the "customs of the world change" and the condition of woman to-day and her condition in the days of the patriarchs show the change to be for her elevation.

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David and Solomon, did things that would not

be tolerated for a moment in our day, and yet did not shock the private nor the public conscience of those times.

Abraham married his half sister; Jacob stole Esau's birthright; David acted treacherously toward Uriah and had him basely slain in the forefront of battle so as to rob him of his wife, and Solomon had wives enough to supply a whole regiment of men under our laws.

All of which surely is enough to show that one century cannot be bound by the customs of another century and to attempt it were folly.

The world moves.

It is moving upward toward a more perfect civilization and after centuries of cruel injustice is at last recognizing that the man and the woman are equal.

"And God said, Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

The man and the woman were made one and the two together were given dominion over the whole earth, but neither was given dominion over the other.

Man and not God made himself lord over the woman and through the pitiless centuries has held her in subjection.

Mr. Harris rejoices that the long night of her bondage has ended and hopes that the twentieth century will see her fully emancipated and be enthroned, as God in his creation intended her, the co-equal of man.

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